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There have been a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria in the city this month, but no fatalities.

Report from Matanzas.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nunez reports, December 7, as follows:
Week ended December 5, 1903. Three bills of health were issued to vessels leaving for ports in the United States, all in good sanitary condition.

No quarantinable disease nor any of a contagious or infectious nature has been reported during the past week.

Report from Santiago.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, December 8, as follows:
Week ended December 5, 1903:

Bills of health issued to three vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Mortality report for the week ended December 5, 1903.

| Causes of death. | Number. |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Remittent fever | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 1 |
| Tubercle of lungs | 3 |
| Sarcoma of mesentery | 1 |
| Rheumatic endocarditis | 1 |
| Tetanus, infantile | 1 |
| Organic heart disease | 1 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis, chronic | 2 |
| Gangrene of scrotum | 1 |
| Senility | 1 |
| Total | 13 |

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 14.85 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

Mortality during month of October, 1903—Measures against spread of scarlet fever.

The total number of deaths for October is 74. This is an increase of 14 over September, which had an unusually low mortality. The increase is in digestive diseases and in unspecified causes of death. Of the latter there were 10, all of them being cases for judicial procedure, though some of them were due to natural causes. There were 3 cases of hemoglobinuric fever in the city, but they all recovered. No contagious diseases were reported.

The condition of the city as a whole is not as clean as it was last month. This is more noticeable in the outskirts of the city where the rains have torn up the streets so badly as to interfere with the drainage, thus causing stagnant pools. Most of the streets are unpaved and these from neglect are getting in very bad condition. Two more inspectors have been added to the sanitary department. The city has again been divided into four districts, and one inspector is in charge of each district. A systematic house to house inspection has been begun.

In view of the epidemic of scarlet fever in Habana, the superior board of health has issued a circular, which has been distributed all